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To: Massachusetts Licensed Foresters

From: Kenan Foley, Acting Director, Division of State Parks and Recreation

Subject: New Forester License Regulations 302 CMR 14.0 and Revised DCR Forester Licensing Policies

Enclosed are the newly approved Forester License Regulations which became effective on April 20, 2007 and Revised DCR Forester Licensing Policies pertaining to 1) License Applications and Requirements and 2) Continuing Forestry Education.

The following is a summary of the major changes in Massachusetts Forester Licensing:

New Forester License Regulations 302 CMR 14.0:

Please note that most of the Forester License Regulation changes are administrative in nature (i.e. name change DEM to DCR) and have no impact on foresters licensing requirements. The major changes that could affect you are:

Section 14:04(6) (b)

If within sixty (60) days subsequent of the date of license expiration any Licensed Forester fails to renew his or her license, he or she shall not engage in the practice of forestry until a new license is issued. Each Licensed Forester seeking the renewal of his or her license shall comply with the Director's policy on continuing education for Licensed Foresters.

This change will effectively reduce the past license renewal "grace period" from six months from the expiration date printed on a license to 60 days from the date printed.

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Section 14.04(6) (c)

Any Licensed Forester who fails to renew his or her license or fails to meet the continuing education requirements of the Director of State Parks and Recreation's policy shall be ineligible for application for a new license for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of license expiration as depicted on the license. For any Licensed Forester who is called to, or serves on active duty with any branch of the armed forces for a period greater than 90 consecutive days during a license year, the CFE requirement for that year will be waived upon written request. Upon written request by any Licensed Forester, for good cause shown and documented, other service such as Peace Corps, extended jury duty, incapacitation due to illness or injury, the Director may waive the CFE requirement for that year.

Revised DCR Forester Licensing Policies:

*There is a change in the license renewal requirement for SAF Certified Foresters that **deleted** the last paragraph of the original **Policy 2: Continuing Forestry Education** which states "Successful completion of an SAF CFE or SAF Certified Forester (CF) certificate will constitute sufficient proof that the CFE requirement is met for renewal of a license."*

This means that the FLB will require SAF CF's to comply with the requirement to provide documentation for CFE credits to the MA FLB at the time of their forester license renewal application.

I encourage you to read the enclosed New Forester License Regulations 302 CMR 14.0 and Revised DCR Forester Licensing Policies, which have also been posted on the DCR, Bureau of Forestry, "[Forester Licensing Board](#)" web page.